



# Porter Henderson Library Faculty Newsletter



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## Word From the Director

..... Dr. Maurice Fortin, Director

Progress on the Library's new floor continued at a rapid pace. The most visible object in the San Angelo skyline may be the crane in use by Lee Lewis Construction. Most of the beams being lifted up to the roof weigh 7,000 pounds apiece. The noise has been much less than expected. The best estimate is the steel work will be finished by mid-May.

Inside the Library, moving crews came the week of April 14th and relocated four ranges of books to prepare the area for the new elevator shaft on Second Floor. The contractor wants to install the new elevator as soon as possible. Beginning in mid-May, work will start on renovating the public restrooms on the First and Second Floors. This work will bring the restrooms into ADA compliance. At this point, it would appear the project is right on schedule.

The Library will be closed to the public on May 14th for a day of staff training and work on special projects. This year, staff members will attend three training sessions. They will learn about the USA PATRIOT Act and the law's impact on the confidentiality of library use and law enforcement access to library records. The Registrar's Office will provide training on the confidentiality of student records. The Human Resources Office will supply information on the dos and don'ts of the interview process for hiring and writing letters of reference. In the afternoon, six staff members will receive CPR training while the remainder of the staff work on special projects.

Work goes forward on preparing the Library's budget for FY 04. Like the rest of the campus, the final

numbers will depend on what happens in Austin.

At the last meeting of the University Library Committee, the group approved changes to most of the policy documents for the Library. Changes in the fine rates, maximum accumulated fine amount, and the new ILL late fee await approval from the Provost's Office. As soon as all documents are approved, they will be posted on the Library's Webpage.

On April 23rd, representatives from the Library, the Graduate School, the Physical Plant, and the Provost's Office met with Mr. Perry Flippin, editor of the *San Angelo Standard-Times*, to finalize plans for the transfer of the old (1920s to mid-1980s) bound copies of the newspaper from their warehouse to the West Texas Collection. Until the new floor is finished on the Library, the newspapers will be temporarily stored in space at the old field house. A permanent storage area eventually will be available in the Basement of the Library.

In this issue of the *Newsletter*, you will find information on the May 3 genealogical workshop, a short list of congressional hearings on current topics of interest, and a look into the future.

## Reference Services Checklist

- *Library Instruction Sessions* are now being scheduled for the Summer Sessions. Please request your preferred times early, as classes are scheduled first-come, first-served!
- Please return your *interlibrary loan* materials that are coming due before the summer months, if you will be out-of-town when the material is due. This will help ensure the Library's continued ability to procure items for all interlibrary loan users, as we keep our valued lenders happy!
- Be looking for some big changes with regard to Interlibrary Loan Services in the near future!

Contact Mark Allan at [Mark.Allan@angelo.edu](mailto:Mark.Allan@angelo.edu) if you have any questions about Library Instruction sessions or Interlibrary Loan materials.

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## Second Annual Genealogical Workshop, May 3

The Friends of the Library's Second Annual Genealogical Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in the Houston Harte University Center Theater. The cost at the door is \$30.00, which includes the lectures and all materials provided by the speaker.

The speaker this year will be nationally known Lloyd Brockstruck, head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. The three topics he will be presenting are: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor, Pitfalls in Genealogical Research, and Probate and Land Records.

For more information please contact Suzanne Campbell at 942-2164.

### Additional West Texas Collection Closing Times

The West Texas Collection will be closed to public access three additional weeks over the next few months, during the intersession periods. This will allow Suzanne Campbell to take some well deserved annual leave, allow for additional savings in student wages, and help with time to process collections. The additional weeks are: May 12-16, July 7-11, and August 18-22.

### Congressional Hearings on Current Topics of Interest

- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Education and the Workforce. Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness. *Homeland security : tracking international students in higher education : progress and issues since 9/11 : hearing ... September 24, 2002.* (US Documents microfiche: Y 4.ED 8/1:107-79) (PDF version PURL: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS26164>)
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Education and the Workforce. Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness. *Training tomorrow's teachers : ensuring a quality postsecondary education : hearing ... October*

9, 2002. (US Documents microfiche: Y 4.ED 8/1:107-85) (PDF version PURL:

<http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS26076>)

- United States. Congress. House. Committee on International Relations. *Authorization for use of military force against Iraq : markup ... on H.J. Res. 114, October 2 and October 3, 2002.* (US Documents microfiche: Y 4.IN 8/16:IR 1/15)
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on International Relations. Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia. *U.S. policy toward Syria and the Syria Accountability Act : hearing ... on H.R. 4483, September 18, 2002.* (US Documents microfiche: Y 4.IN 8/16:SY 8/3)

## Looking into the Future ... What Do We See?

While we do not have a crystal ball, contrary to some people's belief, and we cannot begin to tell you what



the state's budget situation will be like next fall, we *can* tell you that changes are afoot inside the Library as well as on top of the building. The Library staff is working hard to bring you some service and information enhancements.

A tantalizing tidbit of information on some of our "predictions" are provided below.

1. We see Interlibrary Loan requests being easier to submit ... and from more databases than ever before.
2. We see additional holdings information in the FirstSearch databases, making it easier to discover if the Library has the serial issue you need.
3. We see RamCat showing you which JSTOR titles the Library has access to online, and providing the links there, too.

Only time will tell if there may be even more enhancements when you return for the fall semester. In fact, the regular September issue of this *Newsletter* could be bigger and better than ever! Stay tuned ...

May you all have an enjoyable summer. We will see you in September.

— Janetta Paschal, editor